Philip Agee on Haiti and Jean-Bertrand Aristide (1996)

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and then we started off uh this morning talking about haiti where there's uh the big story today is that the cia has been uh keeping many rsd opponents on the payroll so it all it's all of a piece somehow yeah i saw that piece in the new york times and it's not at all surprising i've been saying for a long time it's inconceivable but that the agency would not have intimate relationships with the uh people in the military de facto government as well as the chief of police francois in port-au-prince and my feeling on the thing all along is that the united states has the least interest in seeing a president like jean-betran aristide in power in any caribbean or latin american country the man stands for everything opposite to what the united states policy in latin america is i.e exploitation and so forth and so on and they could have if they really wanted him in power if they believed in democracy in haiti or any other country and we know from 30 years of experience that they don't give a hoot about democracy it's just appearances you know and when the wrong man is elected as google art in brazil or in ecuador when i was there in the 60s or ayendy in chile there's so many examples uh well let's get rid of him we don't care what the way the people voted and in aristide's case if he won 67 or 68 percent of the vote well okay the haitians don't know really what they're doing they don't know who they're voting for like kissinger said um about yendi and chile why should we stand by and let chile go communist because of the irresponsibility of its people i mean imagine and it wasn't even agenda was a socialist it wasn't a communist it was a left-wing coalition in any case uh i think the the dilly-dallying around over these last two years since the coup proves that the united states doesn't care to have him back in they're giving lip service to democracy in haiti but i'm sure that given their relationship with these military people like cedra with

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these military people like cedra with the francois the chief of police they could have stopped the thing before it ever happened two years ago and they could have had irish deed back in there in two weeks if they had wanted to it's a it's a just a showcase of hypocrisy these last two years on the part of the first the bush and now the clinton administration it's a very sad thing because if he does get back he will have no power he will be in great danger for his life and there will not be very many months left to his term as president so it's um it's kind of a new experience to see this um preaching about democracy right and left and through these months nothing really substantial done and uh now even it turns out that what i was sure of all along these people are on the cia payroll and um the real reason we all know is that they are making hundreds of millions of dollars in the drug trade i mean everybody knows that but have you heard a word from the administration from the clinton white house about this not one word there's been some mumbling uh rumbling in congress about this not very much but the latest i heard are red and these are sort of specular speculation in terms of figures something like 500 million dollars in a year these people are earning so if they're able to bank that money uh in safe havens and so forth uh why should they give up that that position and all of that wealth um

and compare that to the way most haitians live it's it's just a disgusting situation the uh story in the new york times uh has this allegation that in fact these uh fellows have been on the cia payroll but then we have uh mr torricelli saying well of course they're on the payroll what do you think and you as a an employee of the cia in uruguay and in mexico and [Music] elsewhere as well ecuador were in charge exactly of

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exactly of making those connections were you not that's right i was working with police and military all through that period except in mexico when i was working in the olympic games in 1968 but uh i learned that there was not a single latin american country save cuba perhaps where the cia was not intimately involved in this with the security forces and this is something that passes through the years one officer will come in he'll stay for two years or three years or even four years and he'll turn these people over to the next person who comes in and replaces him and so you take these people through generations as toricello had toricelli had mentioned in his comments um i think it's fine thing that he would confirm that it's something as i say that many people would have suspected or been fairly convinced of all along but it just shows all the more that the lamenting about the uh situation of democracy in in um that's about to say chile yeah in uh what i thought of immediately is pure hypocrisy and nobody should be fooled by that uh we have to understand that our state comes from liberation theology and that is something that dates from the 60s it is the preferential option for the poor by the catholic church in latin america it caused a chism within the catholic church and now you have had since then this division and you have on the one hand the outer steeds and the christian-based communities seeking some kind of social justice and a a life in the here and now a decent life whereas you have the others who are those traditional oligarchies and the hierarchy of the catholic church such as the cardinal el salvador who i mean in nicaragua obama bravo who are in the traditional rut of identifying with the money and property classes and this is split the catholic church uh the u.s position all along has been stability that's what i was doing and my colleagues everything we did was

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colleagues everything we did was had stability as its goal and that meant supporting the status quo the traditional power structure and structure of wealth and income and so forth which had meant that the vast majority of the population was always outside the mainstream many outside the money economy with practically no hope at all and we were promoting all the time this thing of fatalism of resignation of not resisting of thinking of the afterlife if you're thinking of religious terms and aristide and others of his beliefs say uh-uh that's gone on long enough we want social justice now and that goes totally against the grain of u.s policy in in those countries because when you start reform programs like land reform which is most important of all or re redistribution redistribution of wealth and income you then uh foment a certain degree of instability and that is anathema to the operations of u.s corporations in those countries okay well then let's this makes there's a there's a very clear logic to what you're saying you're listening to philip agee who has personal experience with the goals of the u.s government as an employee of the cia for some years and as a writer about the cia and its operations ever since his resignation in the in the late 60s

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